

(SRI S. SIVAPPA)

Only after the statement is made we will know what has happened there.

STATEMENT OF THE HON'BLE MINISTER FOR HOME

re: **Cases of Deaths in K. G. F.**

Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).—If the Hon'ble Speaker permits me, I will make a statement today just now.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have no objection.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Sir, as regards the Chemical Analyser's report, it is detected that ethyl and methyle alcohol was present in the contents of the stomach. It is further detected that no other poison was there. These two types of alcohols are meant for sale openly and they have caused it. The Government is not at all in the wrong either in taking action or in detecting the crime. If at all there is any responsibility, that responsibility rests with those who misused these two types of alcohol.

In this connection, I wish to submit comparative statistics. During the first week of August 1961 there were 16 cases of deaths during the first week of August 1962, the number was 27 cases of deaths. That means, in that locality or in that area, so many have died. Whether the deaths are due to natural causes or due to any other cause, we have to find out. If there are certain deaths on a certain particular date and that too, all of a sudden that is a matter for consideration. When we consider the normal state of affairs in that locality, we have to take into consideration the comparative figures in the corresponding period of each year.

Period	Number of cases	
Second week of August	61	29
„	62	18
Third week of	61	23
„	62	27
Fourth week of	61	76
„	62	30

Period	Number of cases	
First week of September	61	43
„	62	21
Second week of	61	31
„	62	26
Third week of	61	11
„	62	20

These statistics are furnished by the Sanitary Board.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL (Kolar).—Does it include the Mining Area also?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Yes, certainly Robertsonpet and K. G. F. If there is a Sanitary Board functioning, then we shall have to rely on the report of that Board. I think the Hon'ble Member is one of the members of that Board.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—That is why I asked for clarification.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Four persons died. As regards people who were prosecuted, prosecutions have been launched in 7 cases.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—How many deaths; only four?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Four deaths have been detected as per Chemical Examiner's report. In all there are 18 cases of deaths. All those are reported and some of them have been registered. This is all the information. As regards the action taken by the Police authorities, immediately when the patient was admitted in the hospital, the doctor examined that patient and he reported to the Police. The Police rushed to the spot and got the bodies removed and post-mortem was held and the in-patients were examined and treated. Some of them survived and they have made a statement. But, looking to the state of affairs, I do not understand the propriety in saying that this is of public importance, public importance in the sense that it is not at all concerned with the action of the Police.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Maddur).—You were pleased to give a ruling. You conceded the point that this is of public importance. Now the Hon'ble Minister is trying to question that. He questions the propriety of holding it as of public importance.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Does the Hon'ble Minister question the ruling?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Never perhaps he has misunderstood me.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—The Hon'ble Minister is saying that it is not a matter of public importance.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I don't allow him to say it and I don't allow him to raise it. I don't allow any question contrary to my ruling.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—But the Hon'ble Minister said that it was not a matter of public importance.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He has not said it.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—I request the Hon'ble Speaker to verify if he has said that it is not a matter of public importance and if so, those words must be expunged.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will look into it.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Sira).—Whenever such doubts have arisen the Speaker used to refer to the proceedings to find out whether the Member concerned has said or not.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will look into it. There is ample time for me to deal with it.

Have you finished the statement?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Yes.

Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Hebbur).—I would like to request the Hon'ble Speaker to direct the Hon'ble Minister for Health to give a statement with respect to the incident as to how the poison found its place in liquor. There is mystery in respect of that.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If you are not following any rules, it will have little value. It does not deserve the attention that it deserves. I cannot direct anybody to make a statement.

Sri B. NANJAPPA (Cubbonpet).—Regarding sales tax on poor-man's cycle, I request the Select Committee not to introduce any sales tax on cycle parts. Regarding sales tax on oils, *i.e.*, Pacauv and Dalda, I would like to submit that these oils are used by the common man, *i.e.*, the poorer class of people and that the clause pertaining to the sales tax on these oils be deleted from the Bill. In these hard

days, the poorer class or the middle-class people cannot afford to use ghee or butter. These are my few remarks.

Mysore Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1962 as reported by the Select Committee.

Motion to consider

(Debate Contd.)

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಎಂ. ದೇವ್ (ಗುಬ್ಬಿ).—ನಾನು ಹೇಳ ಬೇಕೆಂದಿರುವುದಿಷ್ಟು: ಈಗ ಬರ ಬರುತ್ತಾ ವರ್ಷ ವರ್ಷ ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹಾರ ಬೆಳೆಯುವುದು ಕಡಮೆ ಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ತಕ್ಕ ಹಾಗೆ ಕೆರೆಗಳೂ ಒಡೆದು ಒಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾರಾಂಶವಾಗುವ ಭೂಮಿ ಸಹ ಕಡಮೆ ಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರೇ ವಿದ್ಯಾವಂತರೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕಾಲ ಇರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯ ವಿಲ್ಲ. ನೀರಾವರಿ ಬೇಸಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಅನುಕೂಲತೆಗಳಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಜನರು ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಈ ಕಡೆ ಬರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪುರು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇಂಥ ಸಂದರ್ಭವಿರುವಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ಆಹಾರ ಧಾನ್ಯಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಸೂಪರ್ ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇದು ಸರೃಥಾ ನ್ಯಾಯವಲ್ಲ. ಅದರಿಂದ ತಾವು ಈ ತೆರಿಗೆ ಹಾಕುವ ಮುನ್ನ ಒಂದು ಆಶ್ವಾಸನ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು. ಏನೆಂದರೆ oil cake ಆಚೆಗೆ ಹೋಗುವುದನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ಎರಡನೆಯದಾಗಿ ಒಡೆದು ಹೋಗಿರುವ ಕೆರೆಗಳನ್ನು ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಆಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಪೀಸ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕು. ಇಷ್ಟು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ತಾವು ಹಾಕಿರುವ ಸೂಪರ್ ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್‌ನೇ ಆಲ್ಲ, ಅದರ ಎರಡರಷ್ಟು ಬೇಕಾದರೂ ಹಾಕಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಕೊಡ ತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಇಷ್ಟು ಮಾತ್ರ ಹೇಳಿ ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ಭಾಷಣವನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪೇಗೌಡ (ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ).—ಈಗ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ಫೀ 1½ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಅಥವಾ 2 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಇರುವಾಗ ಮ್ಯಾಗ್ನಿಟುಮ್ ಲಿಮಿಟನ್ನು 2 ಸಾವಿರ, 3 ಸಾವಿರ ಎಂದು ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ, ಅಂದಮೇಲೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ಫೀಯನ್ನು 5 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಎಂದು ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಮ್ಯಾಗ್ನಿಟುಮ್ ಲಿಮಿಟನ್ನು 7-7½ ಸಾವಿರವೆಂದು ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ದಲ್ಲವೇ?

†**Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA (Honnali).**—Sir, speaking on this Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, I am constrained to say that this Bill is devoid of forethought and premeditation.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That stage is over.

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA.—Even at this stage I think I am not precluded from expressing my views because the